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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	January 13, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roberta Jackson, VMD, President  
Natalie Titus, DVM  
Patricia Ennis, Public Member  
Lisa Garrison, LVT  
Erin Whaley, DVM  
Joanna Miller, LVT

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ann Sellers, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Dr. Michelle Crosier, DVM  
Christine Motoyoshi, Deputy Director, Office of Animal Welfare

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting. Ms. Ennis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Whaley, to approve the minutes as submitted. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board commented that they discussed the proposed amendment to continuing education rule by Mark Cushing last meeting therefore no further discussion was required.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ratification of Applications of Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Titus, to ratify the following people for Veterinarian licensure by reciprocity:

Kim Whitehead	Sonya Wesselowski
Brad Bates	John Heller
Paul Eppes	Todd J. Guay

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### Review of Application for Veterinary Licensure by Reinstatement

Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Titus, to approve the following Veterinary licensure by reinstatement for Jacqueline Martin. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### Ratification of Veterinary Licensure by Reinstatement

Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Whaley, to ratify the following Veterinary licensure by reinstatement for Robert MacGregor. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### Review of Continuing Education Request

There were no continuing education courses to review.

### Status of Complaints

Dr. Jackson advised the Board that Complaint #28-05-13 has been closed by the Investigator.

### Correspondence

#### Response Letter from Senator Hall-Long to the Board

Dr. Jackson advised the Board of the letter of response from Senator Hall-Long concerning the Board's discussion on Title 16, Chapter 47, Section 4739A. There was no further discussion by the Board.

### Discussion: Shelter Standards Law Title 16, Chapter 30F – Training and Certification Requirements for Certified Euthanasia Technicians in Animal Shelters; Dr. Michelle Crosier and Christina Motoyoshi

Ms. Motoyoshi introduced herself and Dr. Crosier to the Board. The Board introduced themselves to Dr. Crosier and Ms. Motoyoshi. Ms. Motoyoshi advised the Board that their goal today was to review the euthanasia regulations with the Board and gather the Board's feedback and comments. Then they take the Board's feedback and apply any changes to the regulations, if needed, and then move forward to publish these regulations for public comment by February 1, 2015. Ms. Motoyoshi provided a brief background on the development of these regulations stating that back in 2010 a shelter's standards law was passed in order to provide a minimum standard of care for animal shelters as well as to help reunite lost pets with their owners and to increase adoptions and decrease euthanasia. However, no one was given authority for this law. In 2013 the Office of Animal Welfare was created under the Division of Health and Social Services due to the recommendations by the general assembly task force on animal welfare and they realized that most of the issues they identified needed a department to address them. In July of 2014 a bill was passed which gave the Office of Animal Welfare the authority over the animal shelters law in which they must promulgate regulations related to the shelters standard law with a portion pertaining to euthanasia technicians within the shelters. Currently euthanasia can be performed in the animal shelters by someone other than a Veterinarian who has been certified by passing a practical and written certifying exam on euthanasia. The regulations that are developed are to provide more of a structured framework for training and certification process across the shelters resulting in more humane euthanasia.

Dr. Crosier stated that the regulations presented to the Board contain the certification portion which also has some established guidelines on who can be eligible for certification. They have looked at a few training

programs that are offered that already have preset curriculum and providing this training as it would be easier to use this type of program as a third party source for sending all technicians for this training initially. Section 9 of the regulations breaks down the training component of what it consists of, most being a classroom type setting, lecture, where attendees would be educated on these different aspects and with some hands-on component as well to show proficiency, making it as structured and uniform for all the shelters. Dr. Crosier further stated that the regulations set guidelines on disciplinary actions for those that do not adhere to the regulations.

Ms. Miller recommended that the title "technician" should be changed to assistant as the name certified euthanasia technician implies that they are licensed which can be misleading. Ms. Motoyoshi and Dr. Crosier concurred and stated that the name can be changed to assistant in the draft. The Board provided a couple additional changes to the current draft. Dr. Whaley requested Ms. Motoyoshi to send the changes of the draft regulations to the Board prior to the January 2015 meeting.

The Board did not have the opportunity to review the draft regulations in detail prior to this meeting to provide any additional comments or feedback; therefore they will review in the interim and then discuss their comments and feedback at the January 13, 2015 meeting.

Dr. Crosier inquired if she or Ms. Motoyoshi will need to attend the January meeting. Dr. Jackson advised that she does not see a need for either of their attendance but if that was to change they would be notified accordingly.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Dr. Whaley inquired if licensee, Dr. Weise, was supposed to attend this meeting for reinstatement of her license. Ms. Kelly reviewed the order for Dr. Weise again stating that Dr. Weise's license was suspended for 90 days this past September. Her order states that she must come before the Board again in order to have the suspension lifted. Dr. Whaley advised that Dr. Weise's website shows that she will be providing appointments on Monday. Ms. Kelly advised that she could draft a letter to be sent to Dr. Weise addressing this matter. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to delegate Ms. Kelly to draft a letter to Dr. Weiss, seconded by Dr. Whaley. By unanimous vote the motion carried. There was no further discussion by the Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

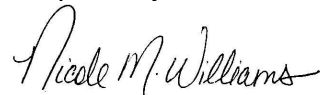
#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Titus to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist II

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